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*Applicant:* Yasushi Kohno et al.

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GERMINATION OR GROWTH OF PLANT

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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be made of record in the present application.

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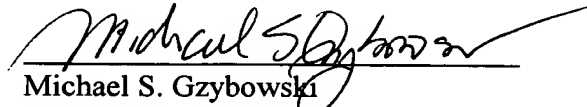
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